

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for receiving, preserving and supplying bags of blood, comprising:

- . a cabinet for containing all the components of the apparatus,
- . a refrigerated space for containing the bags each provided with bag identification means,
- . a magazine comprising a plurality of cells, each capable of containing a single bag, the magazine being housed inside the refrigerated space, each of the cells being identified by a cell code, and wherein the cells are structured in superposed levels, the cell code is univocal, the cell code is independent of the level on ~~[[in]]~~ which the cell which it identifies is located and of the position of the cell in the level and wherein cell identification means capable of retrieving and/or containing cell codes, ~~preferably bar codes~~, are placed at the cells.
- . at least one door for allowing access by an operator to the cells,
- . a movement system housed inside the cabinet and capable of moving, ~~preferably rotating~~, the cells,
- . a cooling system housed inside the cabinet and capable of cooling the refrigerated space,
- . a processing system housed inside the cabinet, capable of controlling the movement system and the cooling system,
- . a reading device for reading bag identification means, said device being connected to the processing system, housed inside the cabinet and placed at walls of the cabinet, characterized in that the apparatus ~~[[it]]~~ further comprises ~~comprise~~
- . at least one reading device for reading cell identification means and connected to the processing system, and at least one corresponding movement member for said reading device controlled by the processing system, said device and said member being housed inside the refrigerated space,

. said apparatus comprising a machine space separated from the refrigerated space, said machine space further comprising the movement system, the cooling system and the processing system.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the processing system is capable of controlling the receiving, preservation and supply of the bags and is connected to a keyboard and a screen, both placed at the walls of the cabinet.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 comprising a metal container capable of completely containing the processing system.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 comprising a network port of the wire-free type for connecting the processing system to a computer network.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 comprising a modem of the wire-free type for connecting the processing system to a telephone network.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12 comprising only one door which extends from the first to the last level of the magazine, wherein one cell of each level is notional and wherein the movement system is capable of moving ~~rotating~~ a single level at a time.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the processing system comprises a sub-system for thermal control of the refrigerated space, said sub-system being physically independent of, but in communication with, the processing system.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the thermal control sub-system is equipped with an emergency power source.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the processing system comprises a control program equipped with a communication module capable of communicating with a management program ~~typically by way of a network port~~.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the communication module is a software element physically independent of the control program and is capable of being actuated by the control program during the execution of the control program.
22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the control program is equipped with a software interface that is fixed and predetermined for interacting with the communication module.
23. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the cell identification means comprise bar codes.
24. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the movement system is capable of rotating the cells.
25. (New) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the movement system is capable of rotating a single level at a time.
26. (New) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the communication module is capable of communicating with the management program by way of a network port.